

REMARKS

In a Restriction Requirement dated May 6, 2005, the Examiner has required an election between one of the following two different inventions:

Group I, Claims 1-12, drawn to a marking apparatus; and

Group II, Claims 13-16, drawn to a marking method.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, drawn to Claims 1-12, without traverse.

On March 21, 2005, Applicant filed a Preliminary Amendment adding new Claims 17-30. These claims recite a system (i.e., apparatus), which Applicant believes should be examined with Group I, drawn to a marking apparatus.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examination is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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